

FISCAL NOTE

SB 1796 - HB 1697

March 16, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a voter's ballot to be counted so far as it has been properly marked in accordance with the posted voting instructions of the county where the voter is registered. Present law requires a voter's ballot to be counted so far as it is properly marked or it is possible to determine the voter's choice.

The bill also requires the following in counties using a punch type voting system:

- A vote will be counted as long as the voter has properly and completely punched out the voter's choice and removed any hanging chads before placing the ballot in the ballot box;
- Election officials will be prohibited from removing pieces of chads from ballots that have been placed in the ballot box; and
- Punch card ballots will be placed into the ballot tabulation equipment to be counted without any manipulation from election officials that could be construed as finishing voting for a voter.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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